

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyuki SUHARA, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

EXAMINER:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: OPTICAL SCANNING LENS, OPTICAL SCANNING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/588,342 and 10/143,013, filed June 6, 2000 and May 13, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	<b>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</b>
Japan	11-163037	June 9, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/588,342 filed June 6, 2000
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)  
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